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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re application of

Jan ERIKSSON

Serial No. 09/581,911

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Examiner A. Valenti

ANIMAL RELATED APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of September 6, 2001,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Make of record the accompanying certified copy of the
corresponding Swedish priority application.

REMARKS

The certified copy of applicant's corresponding Swedish
priority application is submitted herewith, thereby to establish
entitlement to a priority date in the United States of December
19, 1997.

By contrast, VAN DEN BERG 6,079,359 has an earliest
possible reference date of July 1, 1998.

Therefore, VAN DEN BERG 6,079,359 has been removed as a
reference.

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